forests, while strengthening their livelihoods, based on participatory village level microplans involving socio-economic appraisal.

Electronic waste

2213. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India do not have a specific legislation to deal with electronic waste disposal which is highly hazardous to human health and environment; and

(b) if so, the details and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests have notified the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended in 2003 which regulate the generation, collection, storage, treatment, disposal as well as export and import of hazardous wastes including e-waste. The processes generating hazardous wastes are listed in Schedule I to these Rules. The residues and wastes generated from the operations in electronic industry are already considered as hazardous wastes and are included at S.No. 31 of Schedule I to these Rules. As per the provisions of these Rules, the import of e-waste is regulated under Schedule 3 to these Rules wherein Electrical and Electronic Assemblies are covered under category A 1180 in the list A and category B 1110 in the list B of Schedule 3. The import of such waste is permitted only for direct reuse and not for recycling or final disposal.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests had also constituted a Task Force to finalise the Guidelines for Environmentally Sound Management of e-waste for State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees of the Union Territories and the industries for handling e-waste. The Guidelines for environmentally sound management of e-waste have since been finalized.

Green India Programme

2214. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Government's "Green India" programme; and

(b) in what manner it is different from the National Wastelands Development Board which was wound up some years back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Under the "Green India" programme plantations over 6 million hectares of degraded forests are proposed to be taken up in two phases. The programme would be part financed by Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Fund.

(b) The National Wasteland Development Board is still functioning under the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Land Resources) and is responsible for development of wastelands in non-forest areas.

Periyyar Tiger Reserve

2215. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poachers have turned protectors in Periyyar Tiger Reserve in Karnataka;